

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 27 with the following new paragraph:

The guide 7 can be constructed as a depression or groove within the grip 4 and optionally on the or within the arm 9, which essentially passes along the longitudinal axis of the dental floss holder. For protecting the spool 5 and dental floss 6 against dirtying the lid is preferably designed in such a way that, when fitted, it substantially completely covers the first, shell-shaped part 4a of the grip 4 and guide 7 located in the latter. If the guide for the dental floss 6 is at the point where the lid crosses its path on the top of the first shell-shaped part of the grip, in the manner shown here at this point the lid must have an indentation [[9]] 19 so as not to impede the path of the dental floss.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 25 with the following new paragraph:

The fork prongs preferably have at their ends a cross-section of approximately 1 to approximately 3 mm[[y]], i.e. the prongs are highly filigree.